(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have been reviewing the performance of public sector banks and financial institutions on an on going basis. Appropriate instructions for taking necessary corrective measure are issued to them from time-to -time.

(c) and (d). The performance of various Central Government Sponsored Schemes are periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors of public sector banks, Reserve Bank of India and Government of India and steps, as are necessary, taken to make these schemes more effective and responsive to the needs of the people.

Disbursing of Duty Drawback Amount to Exporters

6037. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not been disbursing the Duty Drawback amount to the exporters for the last twelve months:

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the time by which it will be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government have been disbursing duty drawback amounts to exporters for the last twelve months as usual.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Revitalisation Programme for Public Sector Shipyards

6038. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed a revitalisation programme for public sector shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would generate more capital in the shipping industry; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). A number of steps are presently under consideration of the Govt. for revival of the Shipyards. These include capital restructuring, upward revision of Govt. subsidy payable for construction of ocean going vessels, duty free imports upto 50% of realisable price of vessels etc.

(c) and (d). While revitalisation programme of public sector shipyards will have no direct bearing on the generation of capital in the shipping industry, it will certainly have a beneficial effect on the financial position of the public sector shipyards.

Merger of MITCO with MMTC

6039. SHRI BINODE BIHARI MAHATO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mica Trading Corporation (MITCO) has been merged with Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC);

(b) if so, when and the reason thereof;

(c) whether all the employees of MITCO have been given the MMTC scales of pay after the merger;

(d) if so, the facts in details; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?